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RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR § 1.112

Commissioner for Patents:

In response to the Office Action dated August 15, 2008, please amend the application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 5 of this paper.